5.00 P.M.

RE, STRIPPING OF A WOMAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH—Contd.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before I adjourn the House today, Mr. Jacob has to say something because you remember, in the morning, I announced to the House that there was an incident in Andhra Pradesh, a very shameful incident where a lady was stripped and she was paraded on the road, and the whole House was agitated over it, and considering the agitation of the House and the incident, I had asked the Minister of State for Home to find out the details and bring them before the House. He gave me a letter last evening and today I announced in the House. And if the House so agrees, he will read it now. It is not a *suo motu* statement, it is just the facts which he got from the Andhra Pradesh Government.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI (Andhra Pradesh): Yes, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not a statement , So, there are not going to be any clarifications. (*Interruptions*).

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: We should be allowed to seek clarifications.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): It is not a statement. It is a letter only. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, order. Just listen to me. Please take your seats. In future, I would not give any direction to any Minister to come with the facts on a Special Mention. You make things more difficult for me. He is coming with the facts, and I am satisfied, with the letter—I have seen it. If I was not satisfied, if I had felt that there is something missing, I myself would have asked the Minister to furnish more information about it. And, in this manner, if you are going to hijack the House, then you would not get what information you are trying to get. So, please do not make it that every Party should ask something or make it political. He has gone out of his way on the request of the Members to get the information. Please listen to it. It is not a *suo motu* statement. I am saying, it is only, a letter which he wrote to me which I have asked him to read out. (*Interruptions*). No politicalisation of a stripping of a woman, please. No questions. Let him first read. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): It is not a question of procedure. It is an important issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is a question of procedure and I am going to stick to the procedure. If you are abiding by my request, fine. Otherwise, he is not bound to reply in the House. There was no commitment on his part.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): It is an important issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I know it is important. That is why he has come now.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: If it is a directive from the Chair, it is binding on the Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I gave the direction from the Chair. And abiding by that, he has come here. (*Interruptions*) Please sit down. I am also making a request to you. He can listen to me. And you cannot listen to me? That is very funny. Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*).

सुनिए तो । आप पहले सुनिए तो क्या चिट्ठी आई है, मंत्री जी क्या इनफारमेशन लेकर आए हैं ।

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, आपके विचारों से हम सहमत हैं लेकिन कहीं यह कन्वैंशन न बन जाए भविष्य के लिए ।

उपसभापति : यह कन्वैंशन आप लोगों ने ही बनाई है ।

श्री वी० नारायण सामी : स्टेटमेंट के लिए कन्वैशन है, लैटर के लिए नहीं है ।

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: It is the property of the House when he reads it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right, I will ask him to write a letter to every Member directly. That is the procedure. If you want to follow the procedure, I will ask the Minister to write to everybody which is the procedure on a Special Mention. Fine. And if you want to hear it, you can hear it.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Let the hon. Minister read it. We will hear what has actually happened.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are all concerned about what happened. We are worried about it.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): I am in the hands of the House, Madam. So, I will read out the letter which I have sent to you and asked for your suggestion. And I am reading out that letter, Madam, the facts given by the Andhra Pradesh Government regarding atrocities committed on Smt. K. Muthamma (Yadava) in Nalgonda district of Andhra Pradesh:

"In Chilahurthy village, Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh there individuals *viz.* V. Narayan Reddy, T. Parvath Reddy and V. Venkatrami Reddy suspecting that one Smt. K. Muthamma (Yadava) has assisted one Jayamma, sister of V. Narayana Reddy in eloping with one B. Govindu another Yadava of the same village, manhandled the said Muthamma on 14th August, 1991. When the victim denied the knowledge of their elopment, the accused tortured her, made her naked and paraded her along the street in the village and left her at 4.30 P.M. and absconded.

Smt. Muthamma lodged a complaint at 8.00 A.M. on 15-8-91 in Haliya Police Station. A case in CR No. 77/91 under section 354, 509 IPC has been registered and the victim was sent to Kamla Nehru Hospital, Vijayapuri for medical treatment. On receipt of complaint the Mandal Revenue Officer, Peddavoora, Sub-Inspector of Police, Haliya, Revenue Divisional Officer, Niryalaguda, District Social Welfare Officer visited the village on 15-8-91 and thereafter contacted the victim at the hospital on 16-8-91. Collector, Nalgonda; Joint Collector and Superintendent of Police visited the village on 16-8-91 for an on-the-spot study. Venkatrami Reddy and Narayana Reddy two of the accused were apprehended on 16-8-91 and 18-8-91 respectively while the other accused T. Parvath Reddy surrendered on 19-8-91. The said Parvath Reddy died on the same day and the cause of the death is under enquiry by the Joint Collector and Addjtional Magistrate, Nalgonda. Enquiries revealed that the main accused Narayana Reddy is already facing criminal charges in connection with the suicide committed by his wife some time back. The deceased Parvath Reddy who has undergone 5 years imprisonment in a murder case was released six months back.

Smt. Muthamma has been appointed as a Cook in Social Welfare Hostel and her only son studying VIIIth Class, has been admitted in B.C. Residential School at Nagarjuna Sagar. The Collector, Nalgonda has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1000/- from his discretionary grant to the victim.

During the course of investigation, it has been disclosed that the wife of deceased T. Parvath Reddy and the elder sister of Sri Narayana Reddy by name Smt. Laxmamma were also involved in the incident and a case has been registered against them and they have been taken into custody.

Situation is peaceful.
(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I said I am not allowing anything on this, because I am fully satisfied. (*Interruptions*)

[Shri M. M. Jacob]

Just a minute. On the 14th the incident took place at 4 o'clock. The report was made on the 15th. The people arrived on the 15th itself. On the 16th other people arrived, and by the 19th everybody was apprehended. And even the culprits are already in custody. Now, what more do you expect? In between, this woman has already been given employment and her son is admitted.

I don't think anything better could have been done in the circumstances. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: The case has been registered under section 354 IPC. It should come under the National Security Act. Otherwise the accused can be bailed out very easily.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The case should be under the National Security Act. I agree with him. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is taking note and he will convey it.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Did any accused die in custody?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He said that somebody died, and it is under investigation.

I wish you a long week-end and a Happy Janmashtami.

Now, the House is adjourned till 3rd September, 1991.

The House then adjourned at nine minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 3rd September, 1991.